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Report Highlights:

Egyptian General Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture agrees to new language on APHIS Export Certificates for animal products from the US.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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New Export Certificate

On May 22, 2002, the Egyptian General Veterinary Organization, Ministry of Agriculture accepted new language on USDA Export Certificates, issued by APHIS, for animal products from the United States. FAS Cairo, in cooperation with APHIS and the Dairy Livestock & Poultry Division, negotiated the new language after Egyptian authorities refused to release a shipment of US cheese sauce from customs due to discrepancies between the language on the USDA Export Certificate and Egyptian General Veterinary Services import regulations. In the discussions, Egyptian authorities raised concerns associated with Blue Tongue Disease, hormones, and public health measures. A summary of the new APHIS Export Certificate, which the Egyptian General Veterinary Services agreed to is as follows;

Import Requirements

1. The new certificate should state that rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, hog cholera, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, bovine spongiform encephalopath (BSE), and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia do not exist in the US.
2. Location of the facility where the product was produced, product origin, species from which the product was obtained, location of the facility, and pasteurization record specifying temperature, length of time, or a statement that the produce was pasteurized according to US standards.
3. The dairy components come from animals and farms which are not subject to State or Federal quarantine measures resulting from disease transmissible through pasteurized milk and dairy products.
4. The product covered under the certificate is fit for human consumption.

US exporters are encouraged to obtain applicable import licenses before exporting products to Egypt in order to avoid delays and/or rejections at customs.